

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Without acceding to the rejection of Claims 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), these claims have been cancelled to expedite the allowance of this application.

Claim 23, which was merely objected to, has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating the subject matter of Claims 21 and 22. Accordingly, Claim 23 and dependent claims 24-27 are now allowable.

This application is clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-9536D) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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